

## **WEST VIRGINIA BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT COUNCIL**

Wednesday, June 15, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.

The meeting of the West Virginia Broadband Deployment Council was held in Building 6, Room 6A on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

### **The following members participated:**

Judge Dan O'Hanlon  
Lee Fisher  
Jeff Forbes  
Elaine Harris  
Michael Kelemen  
Ken Arndt  
Dr. Jan Fox  
Tony Sereda (via phone)  
Erica Mani

### **Additional participants:**

Andrea Rayl  
Brenda Williams  
Vicki Allen  
Tony Siemental  
James Hall  
Lee Wolfe  
Michelle Preston  
Roy Williamson  
Billy Jack Gregg  
Scott Cosco  
Jonathan Cauldwell (via phone)  
Paul Miller  
David Cole  
Rosemary Wagner  
John Brown  
Bill Phipps  
W. D. Smith  
James Mylott  
Phil Weikel  
Mark Polen  
Kevin Lazor  
Jim Wallace  
Mark Holmes  
Rob Sterner

Mark Felton  
Jim Martin  
John Dunlap  
James Patterson  
Kathy Elliott  
B.J. DeFelice  
Colonel Mike Todorovich  
Carl Keffer  
Todd Gracey  
M. J. Johnson  
Frank Boscarillo  
Eric Eyre  
Senator Bob Williams  
Michelle Prestera

After a quorum was established, Chair O'Hanlon welcomed the Council and called the meeting to order at 9:08am.

## **Business**

Chair O'Hanlon asked for the approval of the minutes from the May meeting of the Broadband Deployment Council. The Council approved the minutes with no objection.

## **Other Business**

Colonel Todorovich gave the Council a financial update. The Council currently has around \$4.4 million dollars, with the bulk of the \$600,000 already spent going to Kimball for various services they have performed for the Council.

Judge O'Hanlon informed the Council that contract with Kimball expires August 2011 and asked the Council to vote on extending the contract to the end of 2014. Michael Kelemen made the motion and Dr. Jan Fox seconded. The motion was approved with no objection.

Erica Mani passed out a memo from Senior Assistant Attorney General Greg Skinner regarding his review of West Virginia Code §31-15C-9 and Emergency Rules. In Mr. Skinner's opinion, a statutory change is unnecessary to accomplish the Council's mission. The Council may develop its own rules relating to applications and the application procedure. He also advised that the Council should consider the timing of the implementation of emergency rules to avoid any "gaps."

Tony Siemental will be meeting with the 11 Regional Councils around the state in mid-July to start giving out grants for technical assistance. He also updated the Council on some modifications his office is working on making to the broadband map.

John Dunlap updated the Council on the rollout of the BTOP.

Lee Fisher went over an updated draft of the grant application.

Michelle Prestera gave a brief overview of the goals of the Regional Councils and the way that they might be able to work with the Council to help their constituents with the application process.

### **Presentations**

B.J. DeFelice presented on behalf of the Weirton Area Port Authority Inc. (WAPA). He gave a background of how WAPA was formed and the work that they are doing in the Weirton area.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Adjournment**

The next meeting will be noticed for July 13, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting location, call-in number and agenda will be provided prior to the meeting.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.